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DELAWARE VALLEY JOB CORPS CENTER AWARDED \$626,878 FOR NEW VOCATIONS BUILDING

WASHINGTON - U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (NY-26) today announced that the U.S. Department of Labor has awarded a \$626,878 grant to the Delaware Valley Job Corps Center. The grant will be used for the design and construction of a new building and a road extension.

"A comfortable, professional learning environment is a vital component of education, " said Hinchey. "This new building will greatly enhance the ability of the Delaware Valley Job Corps Center to turn out highly skilled workers."

The work to be paid for by the grant includes the design and construction of a 4,500 gross square foot "Hard Vocations" building and a road extension. The Hard Vocations building will consist of an auto repair workshop, classrooms and storage facilities. The road extension will provide a connection between an existing road and an existing parking lot to create a direct drive lane with the main entrance to the Center.

"This is the best thing that could happen to our auto body department," said Vailiida Niifa of the Delaware Valley Job Corps Center. We're currently operating in very close quarters. This will allow us to bring young people to the highest possible skill level as they prepare to join the workforce."